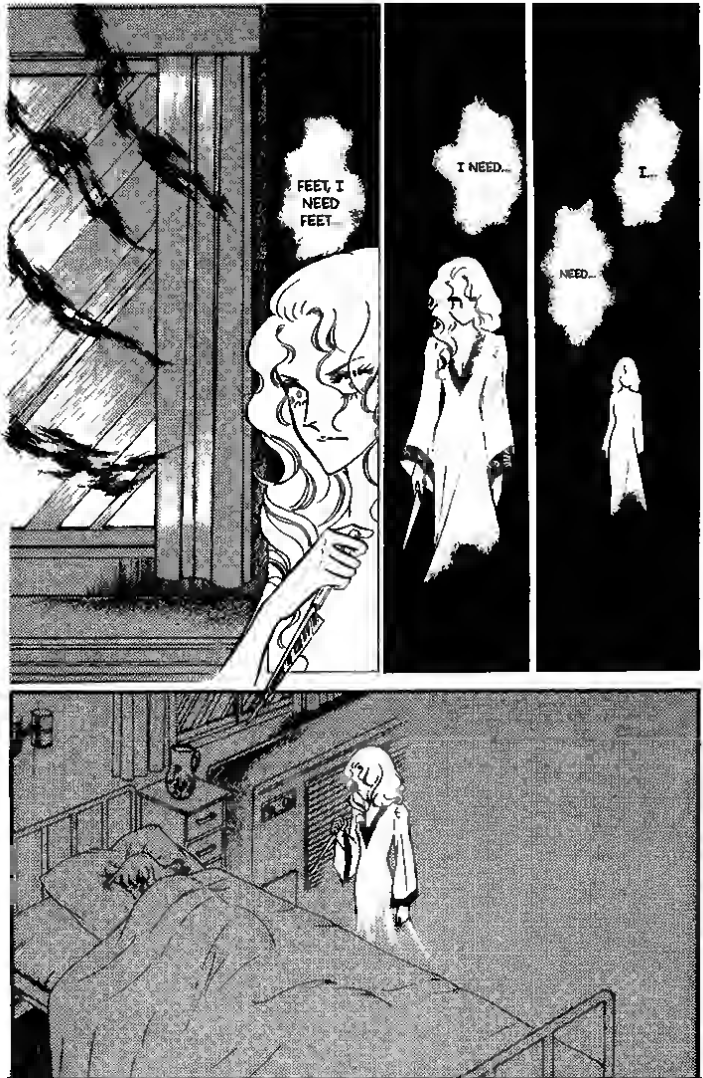
A GIFT FOR THE GHOST


FEET, I NEED FEET...
I NEED...
I...
NEED...

BEAUTIFUL! THESE ARE THE FEET I WANT!
PULL
GRAB
THESE FEET...
THESE FEET ARE MINE!
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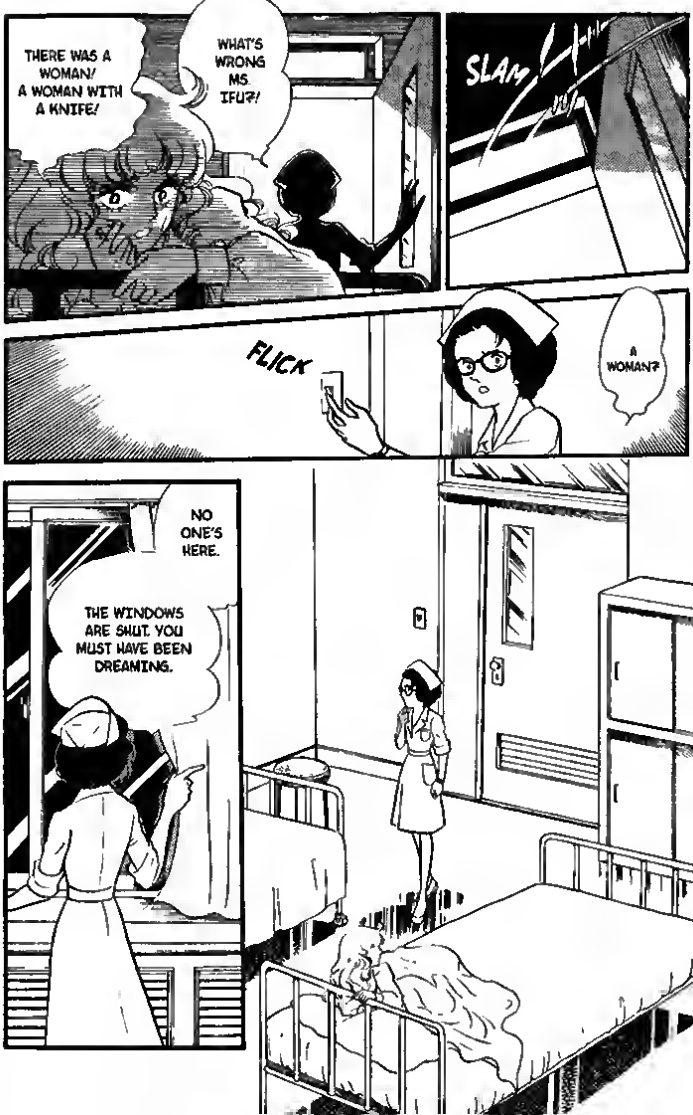
HM?
WHO IS IT?


THERE WAS A WOMAN! A WOMAN WITH A KNIFE!
WHAT'S WRONG MS. IFU?!
SLAM
FLICK
A WOMAN?
NO ONE'S HERE.
THE WINDOWS ARE SHUT. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING.

EVEN IF IT WAS A JUST A DREAM, THE IDEA OF IT GIVES ME CHILLS.
DREAM
CLICK
GET SOME REST. YOU DON'T WANT THAT FEVER TO CREEP UP ON YOU AGAIN.
A... DREAM?
HEHE. I WAS PROBABLY TOSSING AND TURNING AND KICKED MY COMFORTER OFF.
WAM
ING
OUCH!
NOW, BEAUTIFUL FEET, BEHAVE SO YOU WON'T BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME!
PAT

BLOOD!?
THAT WASN'T A DREAM.
.....
IT WASN'T A DREAM!
MORI HOSPITAL

CREEEK
WE WOULDN'T WANT TO COMPLICATE HER BRONCHITIS.
THE PATIENT NEEDS HER REST.
I HOPE MY BRIDE-TO-BE GETS BETTER SOON
NGG!?

I FEEL A BAD SPIRIT.
A COLDNESS THAT GIVES ME THE CHILLS
HERE I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU WHO INVITED THAT WOMAN LAST NIGHT.
NEVER KNEW YOU'D SHOW UP TO VISIT IN HUMAN FORM
THE FLOWERS HAVE WITHERED!
THIS ROOM IS CURSED!
UNFORTUNATELY, IT WASN'T ME.
THUD
SEE!

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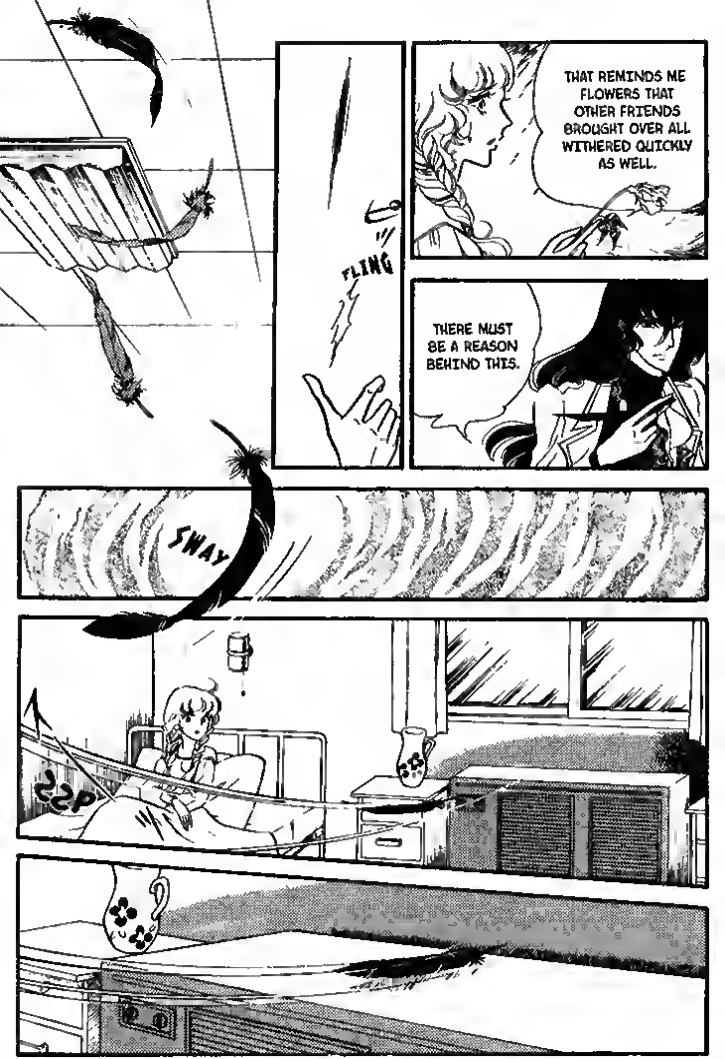
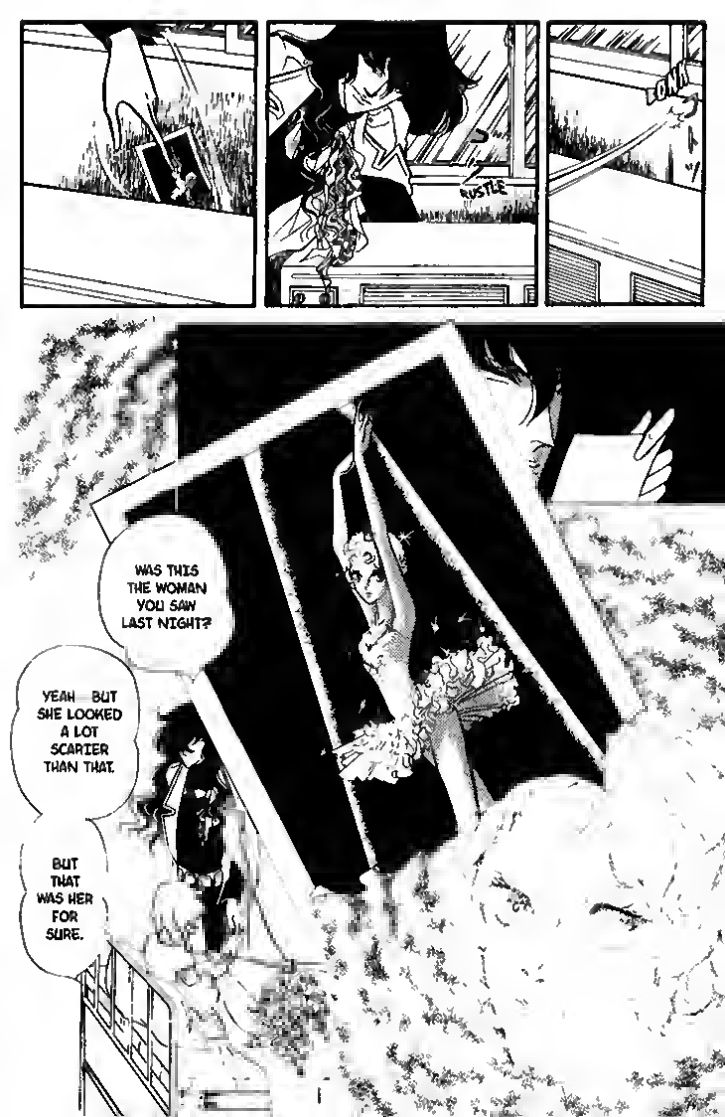
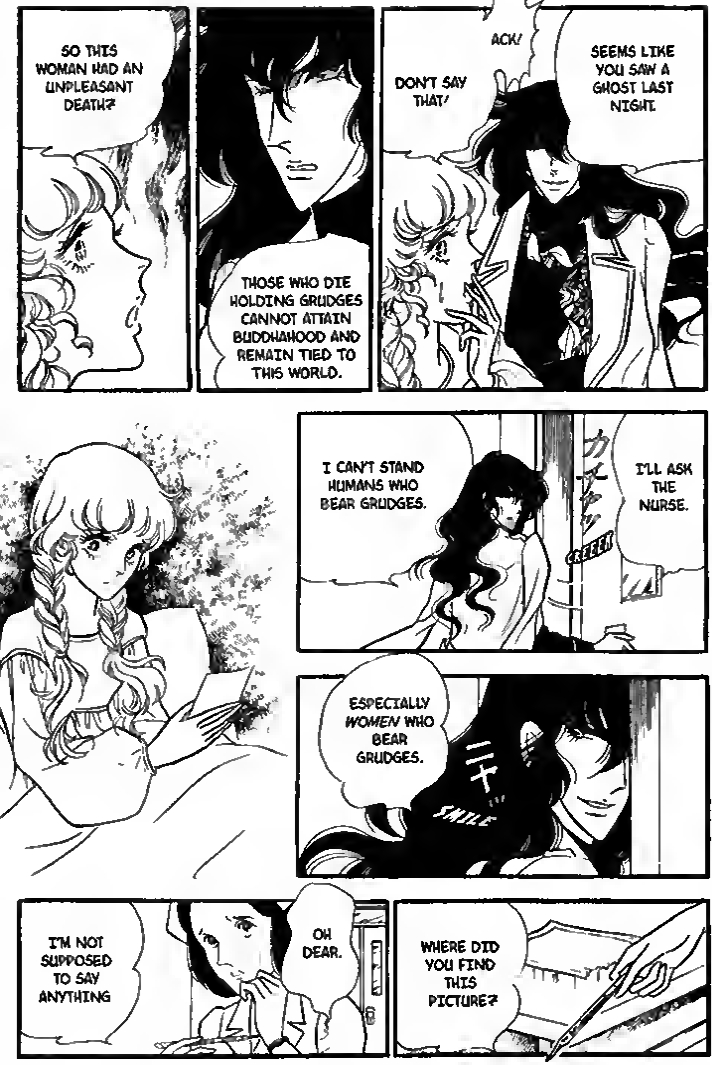
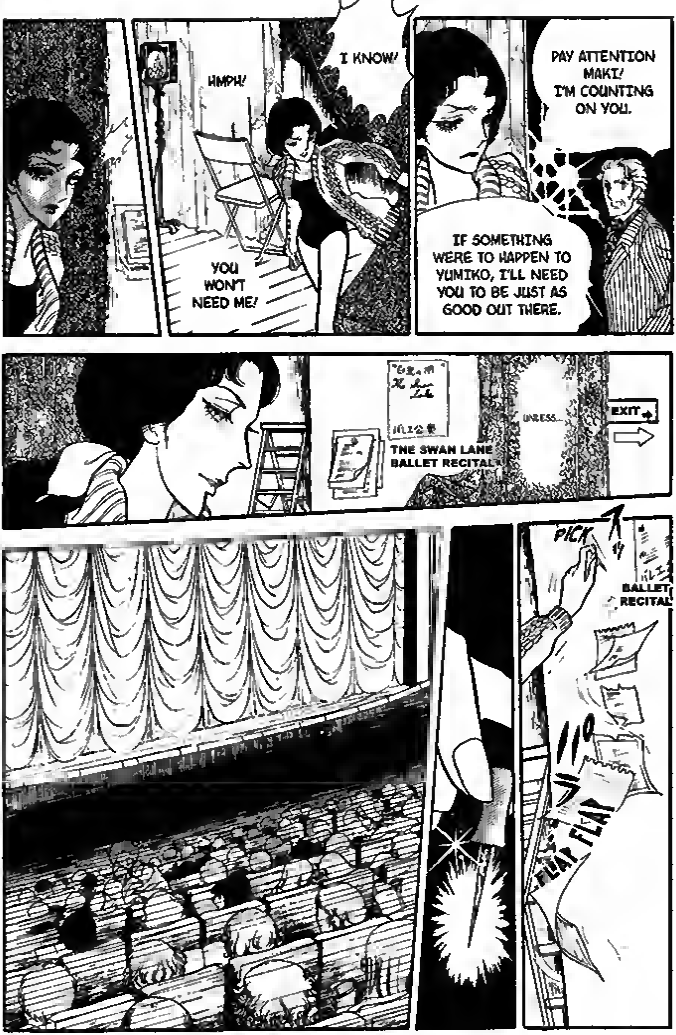

THAT REMINDS ME FLOWERS THAT OTHER FRIENDS BROUGHT OVER ALL WITHERED QUICKLY AS WELL.
FLING
THERE MUST BE A REASON BEHIND THIS.
SWAY
SQUISH


RUSTLE
WAS THIS THE WOMAN YOU SAW LAST NIGHT?
YEAH... BUT SHE LOOKED A LOT SCARIER THAN THAT.
BUT THAT WAS HER FOR SURE.


SO THIS WOMAN HAD AN UNPLEASANT DEATH?
THOSE WHO DIE HOLDING GRUDGES CANNOT ATTAIN BUDDHAHOOD AND REMAIN TIED TO THIS WORLD.
ACK!
DON'T SAY THAT!
SEEMS LIKE YOU SAW A GHOST LAST NIGHT.
I CAN'T STAND HUMANS WHO BEAR GRUDGES.
I'LL ASK THE NURSE.
GREEN
ESPECIALLY *WOMEN* WHO BEAR GRUDGES.
SMILE
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY ANYTHING
OH DEAR.
WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS PICTURE?

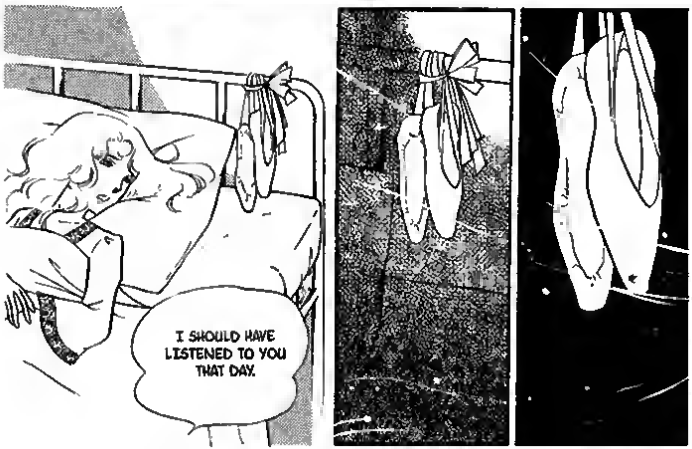
JUST AS I HAD FEARED
THAT WOMAN STAYED IN THIS ROOM 3 YEARS AGO
BUT THEN
SHE WAS A BALLERINA WITH A PROMISING FUTURE
YOU SAID THEY'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED AFTER THE RECITAL? I'M JEALOUS!
THEY WORK SO WELL TOGETHER!
I GUESS IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO BE PARTNERS WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

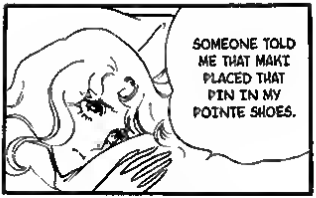
SO IT LOOKS LIKE YUMIKO IS GUARANTEED PRIMA BALLERINA.
SHH! MAKI CAN HEAR YOU!
OOPS! MAKI'S ALWAYS COMPLAINING. SHE'S NOTHING BUT YUMIKO'S SHADOW.
SHE WAS CRAZY ABOUT TETSUYA
I DON'T BLAME HER. YUMIKO GOT THE PRIMA BALLERINA POSITION AND TETSUYA!
GOOD! YOU TWO LOOK FANTASTIC OUT THERE!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, YOU GUYS!


I KNOW!
HMPH!
YOU WON'T NEED ME!
PAY ATTENTION MAKI! I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YUMIKO, I'LL NEED YOU TO BE JUST AS GOOD OUT THERE.
THE SWAN LAKE BALLET RECITAL
EXIT
PICK UP
BALLET RECITAL
FLAP FLAP

BEAUTIFUL!
HEY!
HALLA
I'M SO NERVOUS I CAN BARELY PUT ON MY MAKE-UP
HOW DOES MY HAIR LOOK?
STRETCH
READY? WE'RE UP
OUCH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YEAH JUST GIVE ME A SEC
THERE'S SOMETHING IN MY POINTE SHOES

IT'S RUSTED. YOU NEED TO HAVE IT CHECKED. YOU MIGHT GET TETANUS OR GANGRENE.
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST MY CARELESSNESS. IT'S FINE.
WHAT?
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING!?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME I'M FINE.


I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU THAT DAY.


SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT MAKI PLACED THAT PIN IN MY POINTE SHOES.

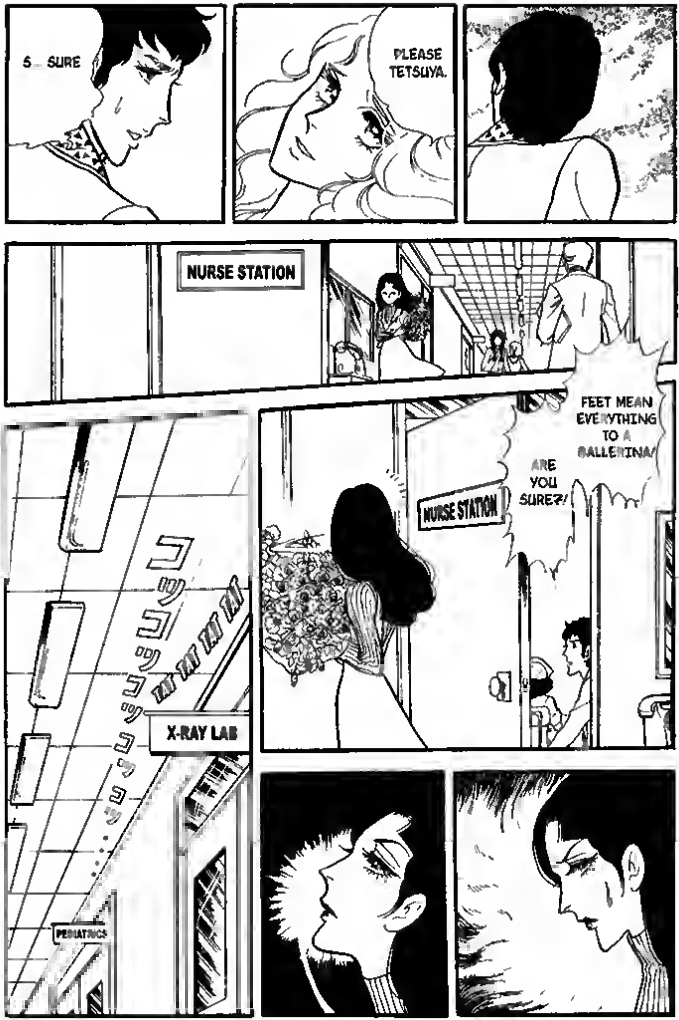
YOU SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON REHAB.
DON'T BE SILLY THERE'S NO PROOF

I WANT TO DANCE

MAKI HAS TAKEN YOUR PART.
SHE'S DOING A NICE JOB.

COULD YOU ASK THE DOCTOR WHEN I'LL BE ABLE TO DANCE AGAIN?

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...


S...SURE
PLEASE TETSUYA.
NURSE STATION
FEET MEAN EVERYTHING TO A BALLERINA!
ARE YOU SURE?!
NURSE STATION
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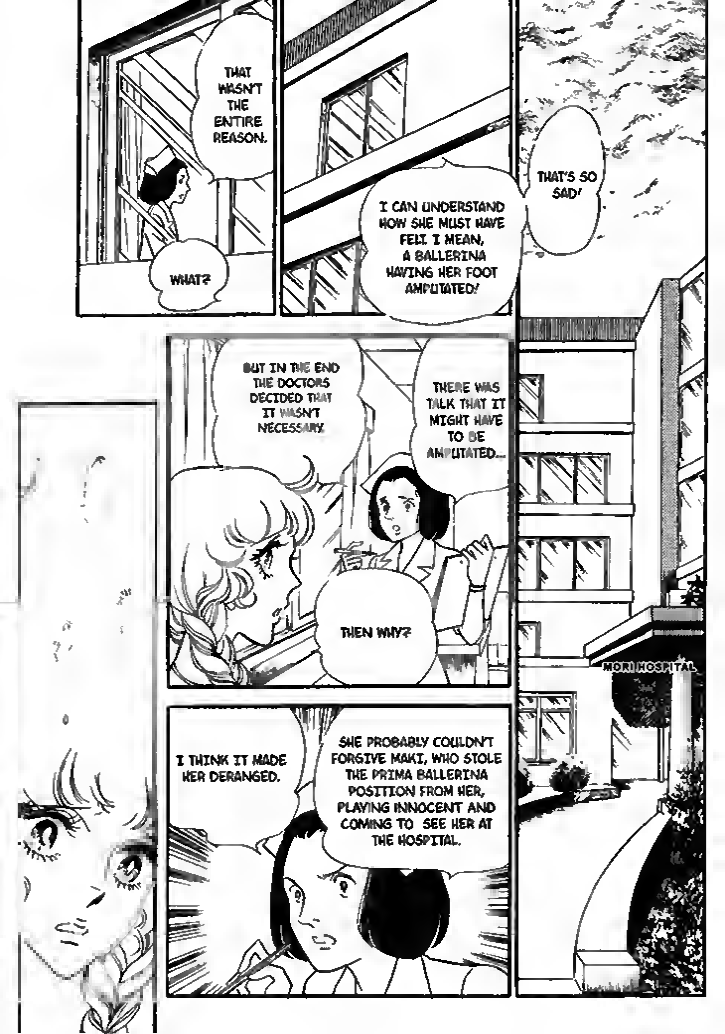
X-RAY LAB
PEDIATRICS

STOP YUMIKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
TETSUYU
STOP HER!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
NO! I DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THIS!
AAAAAH!
YUMIKO! GET DOWN!

YUMIKO!
YUMIKO!
AGH!
WAM
SSST


THAT WASN'T THE ENTIRE REASON.
WHAT?
I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW SHE MUST HAVE FELT. I MEAN, A BALLERINA HAVING HER FOOT AMPUTATED!
THAT'S SO SAD!
BUT IN THE END THE DOCTORS DECIDED THAT IT WASN'T NECESSARY.
THERE WAS TALK THAT IT MIGHT HAVE TO BE AMPUTATED...
THEN WHY?
MORI HOSPITAL
I THINK IT MADE HER DERANGED.
SHE PROBABLY COULDN'T FORGIVE MAKI, WHO STOLE THE PRIMA BALLERINA POSITION FROM HER, PLAYING INNOCENT AND COMING TO SEE HER AT THE HOSPITAL.

SKETCH!
SKETCH!
PERFECT/
NOW SHE HAS HER
FEET AGAIN.
I'LL HOLD A
MEMORIAL
SERVICE FOR
HER LATER

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MMM. SMELLS SO GOOD!
OUR BALLET TROUPE WOULD BE NOTHING WITHOUT YOU.
THANKS TO YOU!
TETSUYA, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU START THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURE?
THIS RECITAL WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!
YOU CAN LET YOURSELF LOVE ME, TELL ME YOU ONLY THINK ABOUT ME
I COULD LOVE YOU MORE IF ONLY YUMIKO'S LIFE DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A SAD ENDING.
IT'S UNMANLY OF YOU TO STILL BE THINKING ABOUT A LADY OF THE PAST.

THIS IS NOT AN EXIT
USE THE OTHER STAIRS
USE LEFT SIDE FOR WALKING UP STAIRS
YOU'RE SOMETIMES A BIT PUSHY YOU KNOW.
PLEASE.
ACK!
WHAT!
YUMIKO.. IS COMING DOWN THE STAIRS!

WHAT? HERE?
KISS ME!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO JUST TOLD ME TO FORGET ABOUT HER.
SHE'S DEAD. WHY WOULD SHE BE HERE?
I KNOW.
LOOK AT THOSE TWO!
TO CELEBRATE OUR ENGAGEMENT!
YUMIKO!

WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S ME!
NO!
MAKI?
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY, YUMIKO!
MAKI!?
I PUT THE PIN IN YOUR POINTE SHOES!
I WAS WRONG.

I WAS JEALOUS OF YOU!
I LIED WHEN I SAID THEY WERE GOING TO AMPUTATE YOUR FOOT.
DON'T COME NEAR ME! PLEASE!
DON'T SPIT!
THE DOCTORS TOLD TETSUYA THEY WEREN'T GOING TO AMPUTATE YOUR FOOT.
TOOT
I SAW HOW HAPPY HE WAS TO HEAR THAT, AND I...I...
MAKI KILLED YUMIKO/?
CHUGA CHUGA
ゴトン ゴトン ゴトン

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO JUMP!
YAMANOTE LINE

あああああ
AAAA

FREE OF WORRIES.
SHE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL.
WITHOUT HAVING ANY IDEA THAT YOU WERE THE CAUSE OF THAT TRAGEDY.
POLLYANNA
E. PORTER
DUMP

EXACTED REVENGE AS SOON AS SHE GOT HER FOOT BACK HEHE... NICE ONE!
THE GHOST THAT CRAWED FEET..
FLIP FLAP
POLLYANNA
THEREBY THE PRIMA BALLERINA MAKES HER EXIT
THEN I, THE DEVIL, SHALL ALSO..

MAKE MY EXIT.
SLAM
PRODIGY BALLERINA IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER TRAIN ACCIDENT
GOLDEN FEET BOTH AMPUTATED!
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